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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM WINNER
DR. OSCAR ELIAS BISCET

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1. (C) BELOW IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A HANDWRITTEN
NOTE FROM DR. OSCAR ELIAS BISCET, THANKING THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR AWARDED HIM THE
PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM. THE NOTE, ROLLED UP LIKE A
SMALL STRAW AND TUCKED INSIDE A SANITARY NAPKIN, WAS SNEAKED
OUT OF THE COMBINADO DEL ESTE PRISON FACILITY BY HIS WIFE
ELSA MOREJON HERNANDEZ DURING A VISIT ON NOVEMBER 12.

(TRANSLATION)

NOVEMBER 10, 2007. 5:05 PM, SATURDAY.

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THE DECISIVE SUPPORT YOU GIVE THE CUBAN PEOPLE TO OBTAIN
THEIR FREEDOM.

AMERICA IS A LOYAL BASTION OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM AND IT
BRIGHTENS THE WORLD THROUGH THESE JUST PATHS. THE WONDERFUL
GLEAM OF THIS LIGHT OPPORTUNELY REACHES MY COUNTRY, AND THE
DAY IN WHICH WE WILL FULLY ENJOY THIS GRACE OF GOD IS
APPROACHING.

I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU, YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR THE
MEDAL AWARDED TO ME BY THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY OF YOUR NATION.
I WILL ALWAYS CARRY THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM WITH
PRIDE, AS DO THE MOST LOYAL OF YOUR COMPATRIOTS AND I WILL
NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET ALL THE LOVE AND KINDNESS OF YOUR
PEOPLE TOWARDS MINE. I WILL ALSO ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR
ALTRUISTIC SUPPORT TO MY FAMILY.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND AMERICA. MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

AFFECTIONATELY,

DR. OSCAR ELIAS BISCET
PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE
PRESIDENT OF THE LAWTON FOUNDATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
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